(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) पाकिस्तान सरकार द्वारा विभिन्न अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय मंचों से काश्मीर प्रश्न को उठाने के प्रयास शिमला समझौते का उल्लंघन है ।

(ग) और (घ) उत्तर देने के अपने अधिकार का उपयोग करते हुए हमने यह बात स्पष्ट की कि शिमला समझौते में दोनों देशों के बीच सभी अनसुलझे मसलों को द्विपक्षीय बातचीत और शांतिपूर्ण तरीकों से सुलझाये जाने की व्यवस्था है। पाकिस्तान के प्रतिनिधि द्वारा जम्मू-काश्मीर से संबद्ध तथाकथित मसले के उल्लेख पर भारतीय प्रतिनिधि ने खेद व्यक्त किया।

Development of Indian Roads with the Assistance of International Agencies

*7. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some international agencies have evinced keen interest in funding Indian road development sector;

(b) if so, what are the terms on which such help has been offered for highway development;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some of the projects prepared by the CPWD did not meet the evaluation standards of these agencies; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and b) Yes, Sir. The World Bank with whom a loan agreement for $ 200 million has been finalised charges interest at a variable rate fixed every six months. The current rate is 7.59 per cent. The loan is repayable in half-yearly instalments payable in January and July each beginning from 15 January, 1991 to 15th July, 2005. The Asian Development Bank has also evinced interest in funding road development projects.

(c) The CPWD did not prepare any road project for loan assistance by these agencies.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Poor Performance of sportsmen at Seoul Olympics

*8. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of the Indian team in the Seoul Olympics has been very poor and extremely disappointing;

(b) what is basically wrong with India's sports; and

(c) whether there has been a thorough and fresh thinking in this regard; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) The XXIV Olympic Games were held at Seoul from September 17 to October 2, 1988. The Indian contingent took part in 11 sports disciplines. The selection of Indian sportspersons was done according to the selection criteria formulated in consultation with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and National Sports Federations. According to the selection criteria, a sportsperson should have achieved performance equal to or better than the performance returned by the sportsperson who obtained the 6th place in the last Olympics or in the most recently held World Championship,

whichever is higher. For non-measurable events, the selection is based upon a positive assessment of the concerned federation that persons selected stand a very good chance of obtaining at least the 6th place.

The composition of the Indian contingent for the Seoul Olympic Games was recommended by the IOA on the basis of the above selection criteria. In addition, on a request by the Indian Olympic Association, Government also allowed participation of gold medal winners of the last Asian Games provided they are still the best in the country and have achieved performance equal to or better than the gold winning performance of the Asian Games. In disciplines like Shooting, Tennis, Table Tennis and Hockey where individual sportspersons or the team had qualified through preliminary tournaments according to qualifying procedures set by International Federations themselves, participation was recommended by the Indian Olympic Association and approved by the Government.

The performance of the Indian sports contingent was by and large, according to expectation, barring a few individual exceptions. The selection criteria provide only for performance equivalent to 6th Place of the last Olympics or World Championship and since most of our sportspersons barely managed to achieve this performance, we were not expecting any spectacular results. India had not won a medal in an individual event since the 1952 Olympics. In team events, India had won a Bronze medal in the 1972 Olympics and gold medal in 1980 Olympics at Moscow in hockey but all the top Hockey playing countries had not participated in the Moscow Olympics. In the 1984 Olympics we again did not win any medal. We were not expecting the Indian contingent to win any medals this time.

It may, however, be added that there were several good performances by Indian sportspersons at the Seoul Olympics. In Hockey India finished 6th which is an improvement over our 12th position in the World Cup at London in 1986. In Boxing Manoj Pingle and S. Birajdar achieved a creditable 5th position. In the Wrestling Rajesh Kumar (48Kg) and Kuldeep Singh (52 Kg) achieved 9th position in their respective categories. In Weightlifting G. Muthuswamy (52 Kg) created a new Commonwealth record while snatching 102.5 Kg. In Athletics, the Indian Women's Relay Team in the 4 x 400M improved on their own Asian gold medal winning time of 1986. In 400M and 800M, our girls achieved the fastest time in Asia.

Participation of the Indian contingent at Seoul was a part of our preparation for the Asian Games to be held in 1990 at Beijing. The Asian Games is our target and preparation for the Asian Games have started in right earnest. Priority disciplines and individual events have been identified and coaching camps under the supervision of the Indian and foreign experts in these disciplines have already started and will continue upto the Asian Games. Our sportspersons have been provided the best possible coaching and training facilities, equipment, nutritious diet and sports medicine back-up. They will also be given sufficient competition exposure to help them to achieve a peak level of performance at the time of the Asian Games.

Implementation of three language formula in Kendriya Vidyalayas

*9. SHRI VALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has clubbed Sanskrit with Hindi making the two languages as one for the purpose of three language formula;

(b) if so, what are the other two languages which are being taught to students of Kendriya Vidyalayas under the scheme with effect from the current academic session;

(c) whether exclusion of Sanskrit from the list of languages given in the VIII Schedule of the Constitution of India is *ultra vires;*